

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION/POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: DIE THINNING METHODS, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

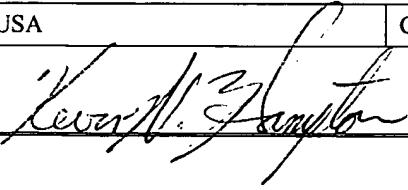
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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as my attorney(s) or agent(s), with full process of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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